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Lisbon, February 19, N. S.

ON the 10th Instant a British Merchant Ship called the Hope, entred this Harbour from the Downs; and the Master, Roger Franklyn, reported, that he had been chased for some Hours in the Latitude of 42 Degrees, by a Vessel which answers to the Description of the Pyrate that has been lately cruising off Cape St. Vincent, and also off Cape Finisterre. The said Vessel seemed to be stretching towards the Western or Azores Islands. On the 12th His Britannick Majesty's Ship the Ludlow-Castle returned hither from cruising against the said Pyrate, having not been able to learn any certain Intelligence of him. The same Day the homeward bound Fleet from the Rio de Janeiro arrived in 105 Days Voyage from thence; it consisted of 23 Merchant Ships under the Convoy of two Men of War. The Specie on board the King's Ships (besides unregistred Gold and a Quantity of Silver which is not declared) amounts to upwards of Eighteen Millions of Crusadoes, or near Two Millions Sterling: No certain Estimate is yet made of the Value of the Hides, Sugars, and other Commodities, brought by this Fleet. On the 16th the Fleet outward-bound for the Bay of All-Saints, consisting of fourteen Merchant Ships, together with six bound for Pernambuco one for Angola and two for the Rio de Janeiro, set sail for those Parts, under the Convoy of the Santa Rosa, a Portuguese Man of War of seventy Guns. Mr. Saunderson, His Britannick Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at this Court, had Audience of the King and Queen of Portugal the 14th Instant, when he delivered to their Majesties Letters from the King his Master, notifying her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales's happy Delivery of a Princess; at the same Time he had also Audience of Leave of their Majesties, having Permission from the King his Master to return to England for some Time on his private Affairs. This Evening he embarks on board an English Man of War the Ludlow-Castle.

Whitehall, Feb. 3, 1724.

Whereas His Majesty's Exchequer was broke open between Monday Noon and this Morning, and a considerable Sum of Money was taken out of the Office of the Right Honourable the Lord William Powlet: This is to give Notice, That if any Person concerned in the said Felony, or being any ways privy thereto, by advising or contriving the same, will surrender himself and make a free Discovery of his Accomplice or Accomplices, so as they or any one of them shall be apprehended and convicted for the same, such Person, whether concerned in the said Felony, or in advising, contriving or being privy thereto, shall have His Majesty's most gracious Pardon; and as a further Encouragement shall have a Reward of One Thousand Pounds, to be paid by the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury. And if any other Person or Persons shall discover, apprehend, and convict any Person or Persons concerned in the said Felony, he or they shall receive the like Reward of One Thousand Pounds, to be paid in like Manner.

TOWNSHEND.

Whereas the Persons who broke open the Exchequer, left behind them a new small Gimblet, marked I B. *upon the Handle, a Butcher's Hook with a little Notch upon the End of the flat Part, a small Cord, a rusty Tin Pot whited within, in which are some Pieces of Touchwood, and an old pointed Knife with a rough Back, as if used to strike Fire with, in a black Leather Case, having a Cork for an Handle: Any Person or Persons who lately sold such Things, or can give Account to whom they belong, are desired to come to Lord William Powlett's Office at the Exchequer, and view the same, and if they shall thereby discover, or contribute to the Discovery of the Person or Persons to whom they were sold, or do belong, shall have Ten Guineas Reward, to be paid by me* John Grainger.

Whereas a Letter dated the 27th of January last was sent, by the Penny-Post, to Baron Suasso, directed to his House in the Old-Jury, therein demanding in the Name of John Brown, Twenty Seven Pounds, to be paid by the said Baron to Thomas Brady, by Monday then next ensuing, and if not paid, threatning to Murder the said Baron Suasso, or burn his Country Seat: Whoever shall discover any Person or Persons who sent or contrived, or directed the sending of the said Letter, so as such Person or Persons may be convicted thereof, shall, upon such Conviction, receive as a Reward the Sum of Thirty Pounds, to be paid by Messieurs Richard and Thomas Woodward, Bankers, in Exchange-Alley. The Person so discovering to give Notice for that Purpose to Mr. Arthur Sparke, Attorney at Law, at his Chambers No. 7, in the Paper Buildings, in the King's Bench Walks in the Temple.

Whitehall, Feb. 19, 1724-5.

His Majesty is pleased to promise His most gracious Pardon to any Person concerned in sending the above-mentioned Letter, who shall discover and convict any one or more concerned in sending the same.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

These are to give Notice to the Officers and Company of His Majesty's Ship Swallow, That His Majesty's most gracious Bounty for taking the Pyrates on the Coast of Guiney, will (pursuant to His Royal Proclamation on that behalf) be distributed to them on Tuesday the 2d of March next, at Mr. Edward Jasper's Office on Tower Hill; and such Persons as do not then receive their Shares, may have it the first Saturday in every Month, during the Space of three Years, at the Place aforesaid.

Mine-Office in Cursitors-Alley, Feb 23, 1724.

Whereas in Pursuance of former Orders made by the General Court of the Governour and Company of Mine-Adventurers of England, one Moiety of the Shares of the several Members of the said Company were ordered to be transfer'd to Trustees, to enable the Company to perform an Agreement then made for Sale of Part of their Stock: Which Agreement not taking Effect, it was afterwards ordered at subsequent General Courts, that the same should be (and accordingly it has been) vacated and made Void; and that the said Trustees should re-transfer the said Moiety of the said Shares to the several former Proprietors thereof, or their Representatives, and that Credit should be given for the same to each Member in the Books of this Company, which is done accordingly. And at a General Court held the 11th of this Instant February, the Company taking into Consideration the Necessity of raising a Stock for the more effectual carrying on their Works, came to a Resolution, and did Order, that a Call of Twenty Shillings per Share should be made on the Capital Stock of this Company. The Court of Directors therefore do hereby give Notice, that in pursuance of the said Resolution, the several Proprietors and Members of the said Company, are to pay into the Hands of Mr. Deputy Richard Chauncey, (the Company's Treasurer) after the Rate of Twenty Shillings per Share for the several Shares and Parts of Shares they are respectively entitled to in the Books of the said Company, on or before the 12th Day of April next, or otherwise they will forfeit one Moiety of their Stock, and be restrained and hindered from Transferring their other Moiety, or any part thereof in the Books of this Company, as is specially provided by an Act of Parliament made in the Ninth Year of Her late Majesty Queen Anne. Attendance will be given at the Office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, from Nine to Two of the Clock on each Day, for receiving the said Call. N. B. The Transfer Books of this Company are now shut, and will be opened on the 13th Day of April next. By Order of the Court of Directors.

Martin ô Connor, Secr.

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